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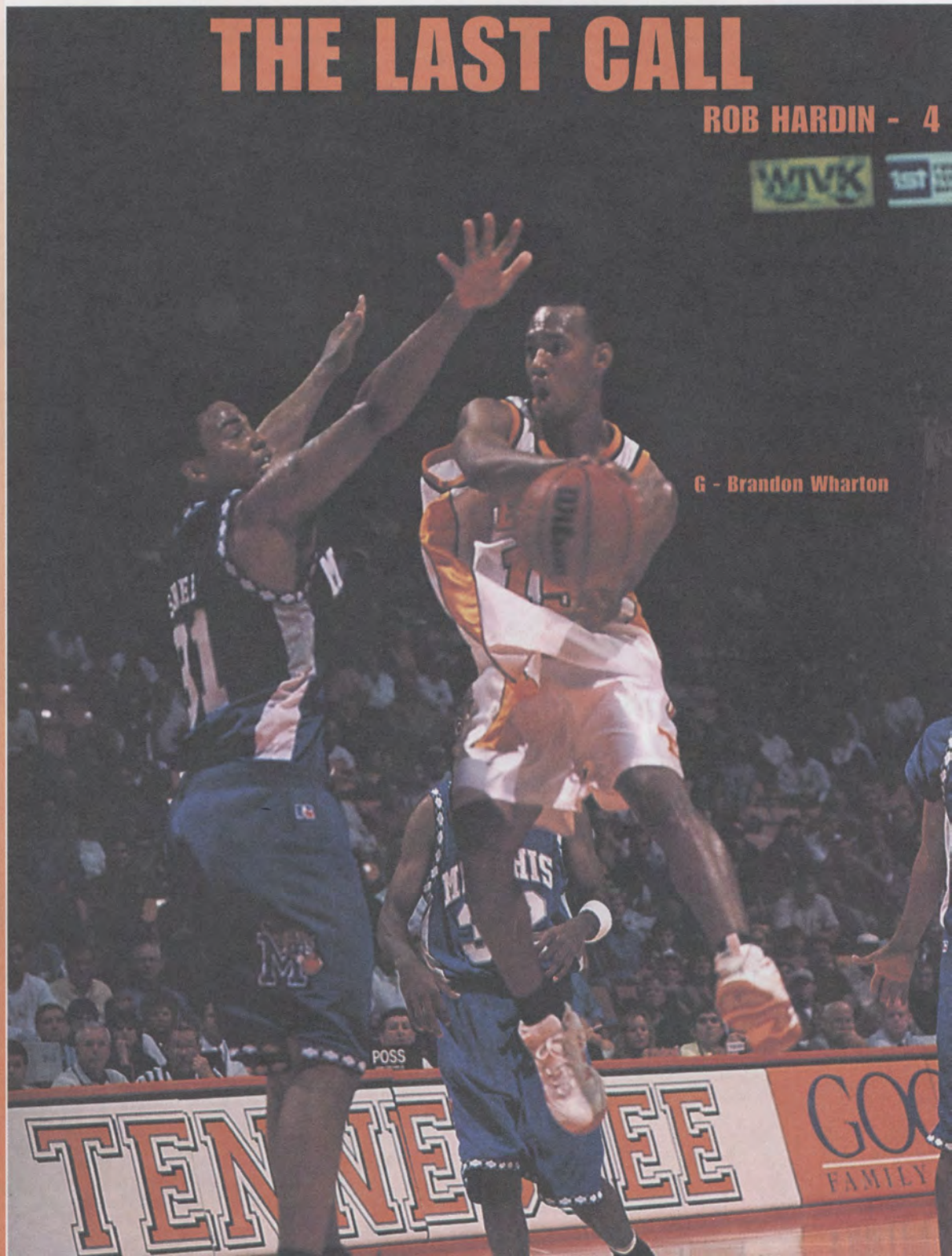

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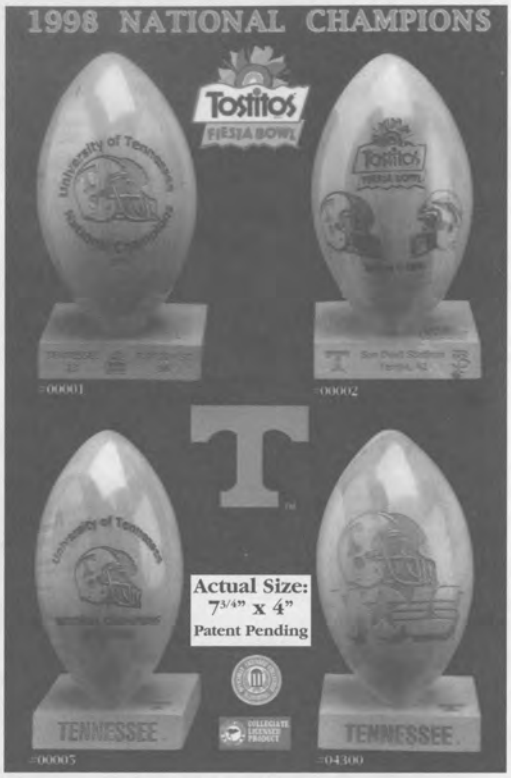

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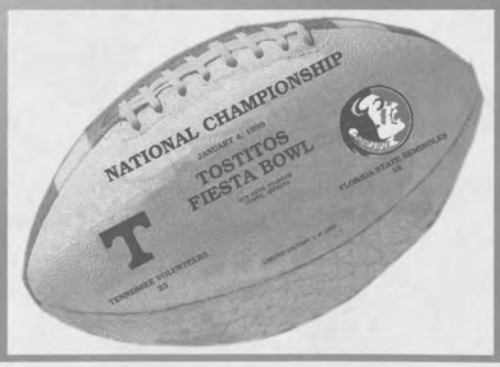

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Baseball: Devon Nicholson
Football: Tee Martin and Will Overstreet
Golf: Kevin Law, Jessica Lindbergh
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Tennis: Chad Copenhaver, Emily Woodside
Track: Doug Ellington, Diondre Jackson, Kelli White
Soccer: Natalie Balash
Rowing: Michele Moore
Softball: Nicole Murray
Graduate Assistants: Kerryann Haeser, Marisa Marucci, Lisa Ramsperger, Angela Taylor
Trainer: Lisa Hearnsberger

Academic Spotlight: Recognizing athletes in academic excellence.

Men - Vol football player Benson Scott, who currently holds a 3.91 GPA in the College Scholars Program.

Women - Lady Vol basketball player LaShonda Stephens, currently sitting out the 1998-99 due to bad knees, who, however, has maintained a 3.5 GPA in Psychology.

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A Look at the Vols...

THE LAST CALL FOR FOUR VOL SENIORS

If you think it is hard to describe the last four years of Tennessee basketball, try living them.

That is what seniors Aaron Green, Torrey Harris, Rashard Lee and Brandon Wharton have done.

The foursome has helped Tennessee basketball reemerge into the national spotlight and returned respectability to the program. They have helped Tennessee go from team with little chance of making the postseason to a team that is expected to make the postseason. They are the survivors of a seven-man recruiting class and have had more than their share of ups and downs on the court.

But the four years have more than just basketball. It has also been a time to develop lifelong friendships and earn a college degree.

"We have been through a whole lot together," Wharton said. "We have had a tough ride. We are like brothers because we have been together for so long.

"I think we will always keep in touch. We will never forget our careers at UT and how we are a like a close-knit family."

Their careers on The Hill started in 1995 in the second year of Kevin O'Neill's coaching tenure. O'Neill had installed a defense first attitude into them and demanded 100 percent effort on the defensive end.

The team led the conference in scoring defense and posted a 14-14 regular season record. This was good enough for a bid to the National Invitational Tournament. The Vols suffered a first-round loss, but nonetheless made their first post season appearance since 1992.

The second year however was not as successful won-loss wise, as the team put an 11-16 mark on the board. This was also the last season for O'Neill at Tennessee.

But Jerry Green and his up-tempo offense then stepped onto campus. With it came new optimism. The fast-break style of play seemed to suit these four Vols and the rest of team. A berth in the NCAA Championships followed a 20-win season, which was Tennessee's first trip to the Big Dance

Rashard Lee (left), Torrey Harris (center) and Aaron Green (right) have been a solid nucleus for the Vols. Last year Tennessee returned to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1989. The Vols seniors are looking to go out winners and now have the talent and experience to do just that. The SEC Tournament begins March 4-7 in Atlanta.

since 1989. A first-round loss dimmed the enthusiasm somewhat, but the Vols were inching their way back to the top.

The non-conference portion of this year's schedule had its ups and downs. The Vols posted a home win against nationally ranked Pittsburgh but lost on the road to St. Joseph's and Miami of Ohio. The conference schedule started with a loss to Auburn, but then the Vols reeled off four straight conference wins including one of the biggest in recent history, before a loss at Florida.

It was the play of the seniors that led to the upset win over archrival Kentucky.

Harris was making his first start of the year and his defense was instrumental in slowing Kentucky's offense. Wharton and Green both hit key 3-pointers late in the game. Wharton also hit a 3-pointer with 1:08 remaining in the game which eventually proved to the game winner.

Harris didn't score in the win and his career high for points is only nine. But everyone feels his presence on the court.

"Torrey does all the little things that have to be done," sophomore forward Isiah Victor said. "He sets screens, hits the boards and plays tough defense. We all look up to him and how he does everything. He is a role model for me."

Harris also makes the other post players on the team better. His work ethic, tenacity and selflessness affect his teammates.

"He is a great defender and playing against him everyday in practice just makes all the post players get better," Victor said. "He is very vocal and is a leader of this team. He lets you know if you are doing something wrong and tells you how to improve your game. He knows the game of basketball."

Freshmen Vincent Yarbrough had 12 rebounds in the win over Kentucky in Rupp Arena, which was the first by Tennessee there since 1979. Yarbrough credits the three senior perimeter players for his adaptation to the college level.

"It makes a world of difference playing with guys who have the experience they have," Yarbrough said. "They just make you better. You have to play hard against them in practice and they the players in the league and can tell you things about them. They all have help me adjust to playing here."

Playing with them also makes him want to play harder.

"They make you be ready to play in practice and in the game," Yarbrough said.

"Those guys are always giving 100 percent and makes me want to go out and give 100 percent."

The victory over Kentucky will be just one of the thousand memories those four seniors will take with them.

Big Orange faithful will also have many memories of those four.

Wharton will be remembered for becoming the 31st member of the 1000 point club at Tennessee. After 16 games this season, he stood at 1499 points which placed him 10th in all-time scoring at UT. Wharton will also be remembered for being one of the first in-state prep stars to commit to Tennessee. This helped bring respectability back to the Vols and eventually brought in-state talent such as C.J. Black, Charles Hathaway and Tony Harris to Knoxville.

"I know we have a lot of great players in this state, and I wanted to help bring them here," Wharton said. "A lot of people did not know that. People thought we only had talent in Memphis, but there are talented players across the state."

Vol fans will look back at Aaron Green as one of the grittiest and toughest players to step foot on the court at Thompson-Boling Arena. The game that most will remember was his 23-point performance against Florida last season. Green came off the bench and hit 7-of-12 shots including four 3-pointers to lead the Vols to victory. It was the first win over the Gators since 1991 and included a streak of 14 losses.

Lee will be best remembered for game in which he poured in 26 points in a win over Vanderbilt. He hit 9-of-13 from the floor including four 3-pointers. Fans will also remember the several highlight reel type dunks he delivered throughout his career.

Torrey Harris will always be thought of as the team leader, hustler and tenacious defender that he is.

The four have seen many changes in Tennessee basketball and will have lifelong friendships to take with them.

"We have a real close relationship," Torrey Harris said. "We are proud to be where we are right now.

"I have been out of high school for four years and I still keep in contact with most of my teammates from high school. It is a unique bond that you build with the people you play with. Hopefully they will be lifelong friendships."

They've already built lifetime relationships with the fans.

—Rob Hardin

Brandon Wharton soars over defenders as he lays in this easy basket.

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—Brandon Wharton

FROM THE HARDWOOD...

Men's race still unsettled; Women set for Tourney

Clicking on all cylinders. That's how to describe Tennessee in its 100-64 victory over Alabama Jan. 30.

The Vols reached the century mark for the first time in 166 games and stymied the Tide's offense in front of a 20,358 fans at Thompson-Boling Arena.

Brandon Wharton led the Vol offensive attack with 23 points and continued his hot-shooting. Four other Vols hit double figures with Isiah Victor leading the supporting cast with 14 points and 12 rebounds. C.J. Black added 14 as well followed by 13 from Tony Harris, and Rashard Lee had 12.

"We executed as well offensively as anytime I have ever been associated with," Tennessee head coach Jerry Green said. "It was good to have the lead at the half, but we played much more solid in the second half. Isiah is also doing a lot of things for us, and he just keeps getting better and better.

"It is also good to have 20,000 people in this arena, and I don't want to ever take that for granted."

Tennessee spotted the Tide a 2-0 lead but 3-pointers by Wharton and Black keyed 10 consecutive points and gave them a 12-2 with just over four minutes off the clock. That was close as Alabama would get.

"We ran our offense well, and we were playing a good basketball team," Green said. "The team was into the game from the start and the crowd was into it as well."

The Vols hit 12-of-25 from 3-point range and shot 50 percent for the game from the field. Harris connected on 3-of-4 of his 3-point attempts. Wharton led the Vols with four 3-pointers.

"We played aggressive on offense and were comfortable playing," Harris said. "We shared the ball well being comfortable makes us less likely to make mistakes."

The Vols shared the ball indeed. They had 22 assists to the Tide's six. Aaron Green had seven of those.

"One of our main goals is to get the ball to the people who need it," Green said. "Everybody is finding his role on the team, and we are getting the ball to the scorers on this team. My role is to get the ball where it needs to be and that is to the scorers on this team."

In Saturday's game against Mississippi State, the Vols shot just 21 percent from the floor in the first half and never were able to recover in the 88-82 loss to the Bulldogs.

Tony Harris led the Vols in scoring as he collected 23 points on 6-of-10 shooting from three-point range. Harris scored 20 of his points in the second half as the Vols closed a 23-point lead to the final margin of six points.

The Vols forced 24 turnovers but allowed the Bulldogs to get 48 points in the paint, most off of layups and they hit the free throws down the stretch to seal the win.

Victor turned in another solid performance scoring 15 points and gathering eight rebounds.

—Rob Hardin

ARKANSAS 69, TENNESSEE 52

Tennessee (14-6, 6-3)
Yarbrough 0-2 4-6 4, Black 1-4 4-4 6, Tor Harris 0-0 0-0 0, Ton Harris 4-12 3-4 12, Wharton 5-13 1-4 12, Victor 4-8 6-6 14, Hathaway 0-1 0-0 0, Lee 0-3 0-0 0, Green 1-4 1-2 4, Davis 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 15-50 19-26 52.
Arkansas (16-6, 5-4)
Jefferies 1-5 2-4 4, Gipson 4-9 2-4 10, Hood 5-9 5-7 15, Reid 1-2 6-6 9, Bradley 6-11 4-4 18, Dean 3-8 0-0 8, Gilbert 1-4 0-0 3, Walker 1-3 0-0 2, Cleveland 0-3 0-0 0, Jennings 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 22-57 19-25 69.
Halftime--Arkansas 31, Tennessee 24. **3-point goals**--Tennessee 3-14 (Green 1-2, Wharton 1-3, Ton Harris 1-5, David 0-2, Yarbrough, Lee 0-1), Arkansas 6-22 (Bradley 2-4, Reid 1-2, Dean 2-6, Gilbert 1-4, Jefferies, Gipson, Cleveland 0-2). **Rebounds**--Tennessee 39 (Victor 15), Arkansas 34 (Hood 7). **Assists**--Tennessee 6 (Wharton 3), Arkansas 12 (Reid 5). **Total fouls**--Tennessee 24, Arkansas 24. **Fouled out**-Hood. **A**--20,068.

TENNESSEE 100, ALABAMA 64

Alabama (12-10, 2-7)
Rollins 4-10 1-1 9, Mazique 2-4 0-0 4, Hays 1-6 6-6 8, B. Williams 0-2 0-0 0, Jones 4-8 5-8 14, Haginas 0-3 3-4 3, London 0-3 0-0 0, Patton 1-2 0-0 3, Ashby 5-12 0-0 10, Martin 2-4 0-1 4, S. Williams 0-0 0-0 0, Moss 4-7 1-3 9. Totals 23-61 16-23 64.
Tennessee (14-5, 6-2)
Yarbrough 0-2 2-2 2, Black 4-6 5-7 14, T. Harris 0-1 0-0 0, Wharton 7-11 5-5 23, A. Harris 4-6 2-2 13, Victor 6-8 2-8 14, Green 0-4 0-0 0, Lee 3-7 4-4 12, Hathaway 0-3 4-4 4, Baker 3-6 0-0 7, Davis 2-2 4-4 9, Austin 0-2 2-2 2. Totals 29-58 30-38 100.
Halftime—Tennessee 45, Alabama 26. **3-point goals**—Alabama 2-5 (Jones 1-2, Patton 1-1, Rollins 0-2), Tennessee 12-25 (Davis 1-1, Yarbrough 0-1, Victor 0-1, A. Harris 3-4, Wharton 4-8, Green 0-2, Black 1-1, Lee 2-4, Austin 0-1, Baker 1-2). **Rebounds**—Alabama 38 (Hays 8), Tennessee 36 (Victor 12). **Assists**—Alabama 6 (Jones 3), Tennessee 22 (Green 7). **Total fouls**—Alabama 25, Tennessee 16. **Fouled out**—none. **Technical foul** —Moss. **A**—20,358

TENNESSEE 78, VANDERBILT 67

Tennessee (13-5, 5-2)
Yarbrough 5-9 0-0 10, Black 4-9 4-5 12, Tor. Harris 0-1 0-0 0, Ton. Harris 4-8 0-0 10, Wharton 7-14 2-4 21, Lee 2-6 0-0 5, Green 1-1 3-4 6, Baker 0-0 0-0 0, Davis 1-2 0-0 3, Victor 3-4 3-4 9, Hathaway 0-1 2-2 2. Totals 27-55 14-19 78.
Vanderbilt (11-8, 2-5)
Strong 5-10 0-3 13, Langhi 3-14 3-4 11, Williams 0-5 2-2 2, Prater 4-8 0-0 10, Howard 3-10 1-2 9, LeBlanc 0-0 0-0 0, Coulibaly 1-1 2-2 4, Ford 4-7 1-2 11, Moore 3-6 0-1 7. Totals 23-61 9-16 67.
Halftime—Tennessee 31, Vanderbilt 29. **3-point goals**—Tennessee 10-20 (Yarbrough 0-2, Ton. Harris 2-5, Wharton 5-8, Lee 1-3, Green 1-1, Davis 1-1), Vanderbilt 12-23 (Strong 3-3, Langhi 2-3, Williams 0-2, Prater 2-4, Howard 2-7, Ford 2-2, Moore 1-2). **Rebounds**—Tennessee 34 (Yarbrough 7), Vanderbilt 32 (Langhi, Coulibaly 7). **Assists**—Tennessee 17 (Ton. Harris 8), Vanderbilt 11 (Prater 4). **Total fouls**—Tennessee 18, Vanderbilt 18. **Fouled out**-Coulibaly. **A**—15,027.

FLORIDA 93, TENNESSEE 72

Tennessee (12-5, 4-2)
Yarbrough 3-7 0-0 7, Black 2-6 1-2 5, Tor Harris 1-3 1-3 3, Wharton 3-10 0-0 7, Ton Harris 4-13 4-7 15, Lee 2-2 0-0 4, Green 2-4 0-4 5, Austin 0-0 0-0 0, Baker 0-1 0-2 0, Davis 0-0 1-2 1, Victor 9-9 3-6 21, Hathaway 2-3 0-2 4. Totals 28-58 10-28 72
Florida (14-3, 5-2)
Miller 5-6 4-4 15, Wright 2-6 0-0 4, Haslem 10-12 6-6 26, Shannon 3-6 2-2 8, Weaks 6-11 2-2 15, Halton 2-4 0-0 5, Stolt 2-8 0-1 6, Parker 2-4 0-0 4, Nnaji 0-0 0-0 0, Dupay 3-9 2-2 10. Totals 35-66 16-17 93.
Halftime—Tennessee 41, Florida 39. **3-Point Goals**—Tennessee 6-18 (Yarbrough 1-2, Wharton 1-5, Ton Harris 3-7, Green 1-3, Baker 0-1), Florida 7-26 (Miller 1-1, Wright 0-2, Haslem 0-1, Shannon 0-2, Weaks 1-5, Halton 1-2, Stolt 2-6, Dupay 2-7). **Rebounds**—Tennessee 27 (Black 6, Tor Harris 6), Florida 38 (Haslem 9). **Assists**—Tennessee 6 (Ton Harris 6), Florida 21 (Shannon 9). **Total fouls**— Tennessee 20, Florida 23. **Fouled out**—none. **A**—12,190.

TENNESSEE 82, MISS. STATE 88

MISS. STATE (16-8, 6-5)
Hamilton 9-15 7-11 27, Patterson 2-3 0-0 4, Washington 3-6 2-2 8, Marshall 0-1 0-0 0, White 5-10 4-4 16, Myles 4-4 3-5 11, Gholar 2-3 5-6 10, Hyche 0-0 0-0 0, Boswell 2-2 0-1 4, Roberts 1-3 0-0 2, Jackson 1-4 4-4 6. Totals 29-51 25-33 88.

Tony Harris hit 6 of 10 from three-point range and finished with 23 points in the Vols' loss to Miss. State.

TENNESSEE (14-7, 6-4)
Black 1-3 12-14 14, Yarbrough 3-13 2-4 8, Hathaway 2-4 0-1 4, Wharton 3-16 0-0 6, Green 1-3 4-8 6, Lee 2-6 0-0 4, Ton. Harris 7-17 3-3 23, Baker 0-0 0-0 0, Davis 0-0 2-2 2, Tor. Harris 0-0 0-0 0, Victor 6-12 3-4 15. Totals 25-74 26-36 82.
Halftime--Mississippi State 38, Tennessee 21. **3-point goals--**State 5-11 (Hamilton 2-5, Marshall 0-1, White 2-4, Gholar 1-1), Tennessee 6-29 (Ton. Harris 6-10, Yarborugh 0-6, Wharton 0-9, Green 0-2, Lee 0-2). **Fouled out--**Patterson, Washington, Roberts, Green. **Rebounds--**State 44(White 7), Tennessee 34 (Victor 8). **Assists--**State 19 (White 7), Tennessee 8 (Wharton 5). **Total fouls--**State 27, Tennessee 26. **A--**16,733

MEN'S SEC STANDINGS

DIVISION	CONFERENCE W	CONFERENCE L	OVERALL W	OVERALL L
EAST				
Kentucky	8	3	19	6
Florida	7	4	16	5
Tennessee	6	4	14	7
Georgia	5	6	15	9
Vanderbilt	3	7	12	10
S. Carolina	2	8	7	15
WEST				
Auburn	10	1	22	1
Ole Miss	7	4	17	7
Miss. St.	6	5	16	8
Arkansas	5	5	16	7
Alabama	3	8	13	11
LSU	2	9	10	10

SEC Scores (2-6-99): Vandy 73, Arkansas 69; Ole Miss 79, Florida 68; Auburn 80, LSU 54; Georgia 80, So. Carolina 56; Alabama 62, Kentucky 58.

LADY VOLS IMPROVE TO 10-0 IN SEC

After thumping the Lady Rebels of Ole Miss 96-58 on Feb. 4, Tennessee returned to action on Saturday and Sunday with games against Mississippi State and Vanderbilt.

As the Lady Vols placed six players in double figures, Tennessee took little time to reflect on win No. 21 on the season as the Commodores lurked on the horizon.

But in pasting Mississippi State 94-53 in front of 21,077 fans, Tennessee worked on its post game, a spot that Coach Pat Summitt had stressed to her two new freshmen as crucial.

They responded well as Michelle Snow collected a season high 17 rebounds and tossing in 14 points in her 31 minutes of work. Fellow frosh Shalon Pillow found some confidence in her shots as she collected 10 points and also had nine rebounds. Sophomore Teresa Geter (two points and five boards) left the game early when she twisted her knee, but the injury is not expected to be serious.

Defense again set the tempo as the Lady Vols forced 25 turnovers and had 12 steals led by Kristen Clement and Kellie Jolly with three each.

It took almost two minutes before the first basket was scored, but when the score came, it fell like water from the falls as Tennessee raced out to a 8-0 lead before State scored their first basket.

With almost seven minutes gone, Tennessee had doubled their SEC rivals, leading 20-6. State tried to stay close behind the shooting of senior post player LaToya Graham who had the teams first nine points and eleven of their first 13. But without any help, the lead swelled as Tennessee took 22-point lead into the break.

Looking at the team stats it was more than obvious that Tennessee was content to pound it inside and get everyone involved.

At the halfway point Tennessee had played nine players and everyone of them had put points on the board, lead by Chamique Holdsclaw's nine, followed by Tamika Catchings with eight, Jolly with eight, Niya Butts with seven, Semeka Randall with six, and Clement and Snow with four each.

The Lady Vols shot 56.4 percent from the floor (22-for-39) while conversely the Lady Bulldogs hit on 11-for-27 for 40 percent. The Bulldogs only highlight was its three-point percent as they hit on 55.6 percent on 5-for-nine behind the arc.

The second half mirrored the end of the first half as pressure and rebounding absolutely smothered State. Tennessee bolted out on a 10-2 run and for the most part it was just a wait for the final score.

The lead did reach as much as 46 points (90-44) before some sloppy play and turnovers brought the final margin back to 41. The Lady Vols outscored the Lady Bulldogs 70 to 22 in the paint and scored 34 points off turnovers.

Tennessee placed six players in double figures and everyone but freshman Sarah Edwards scored in the basketball game.

On Sunday, the Lady Vols were in Nashville to play Vanderbilt. Tennessee escaped with a 66-60 win over the Commodores.

—Donnell Field

TENNESSEE 66, VANDERBILT 60

TENNESSEE (22-1, 11-0)
Holdsclaw 5-11 2-7 12, Catchings 10-18 4-4 26, Snow 4-6 4-5 12, Jolly 0-2 0-0 0, Randall 3-11 0-2 6, Butts 0-0 0-0 0, Clement 3-5 3-4 10, Pillow 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 25-54 13-22 66.
VANDERBILT (12-11, 5-6)
Klimesova 5-9 1-2 11, Janky 3-8 2-2 8, Holmes 3-6 2-5 8, Respondek 3-7 0-1 6, Smith 3-10 2-2 8, Redman 0-2 0-0 0, Hammond 2-4 0-0 4, Danker 5-8 5-5 15, Storey 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 24-54 12-17 60.
Halftime--Tennessee 32, Vanderbilt 20. **3-point goals--**Tennessee 3-8 (Catchings 2-5, Clement 1-2, Jolly 0-1), Vanderbilt 0-8 (Respondek 0-1, Danker 0-1, Redman 0-2, Smith 0-4). **Fouled out--**None. **Rebounds--**Tennessee 30 (Catchings 8), Vanderbilt 37 (Holmes 9). **Assists--**Tennessee 12 (Jolly 4), Vanderbilt 9 (Smith 5). **Total fouls--**Tennessee 17, Vanderbilt 15. **A--**15,311.

TENNESSEE 94, MISSISSIPPI STATE 53

MISSISSIPPI STATE (12-9, 4-7)
Perry 0-10 0-1 0, Fambrough 7-14 0-1 14, Graham 6-13 2-2 18, Harris 3-6 1-2 7, Overstreet 0-4 0-0 0, Hall 2-8 2-2 8, Benson 1-2 1-3 3, Wamsley 1-2 0-0 2, Thomas 0-1 1-2 1, Jarrett 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 20-60 7-13 53.
TENNESSEE (21-1, 10-0)
Holdsclaw 6-16 1-1 13, Catchings 3-7 3-4 9, Geter 1-3 0-0 2, Jolly 3-5 5-6 12, Randall 6-8 2-3 14, Snow 6-13 2-5 14, Butts 4-5 3-4 11, Canon 1-2 0-0 2, Edwards 0-1 0-0 0, Clement 2-8 3-4 7, Pillow 5-6 0-3 10. Totals 37-74 19-30 94.
Halftime--Tennessee 54, Mississippi State 32. **3-point goals--**State 6-16 (Perry 0-1, Graham 4-6, Harris 0-2, Overstreet 0-3, Hall 2-4), Tennessee 1-6 (Catchings 0-1, Jolly 1-1, Canon 0-1, Clement 0-3). **Fouled out--**None. **Rebounds--**State 37(Fambrough 8, Graham 8), Tennessee 55 (Snow 17). **Assists--**State 7 (Hall 4), Tennessee 14 (Clement 4). **Total fouls--**State 26, Tennessee 17. **A--**21,077.

TENNESSEE 96, MISSISSIPPI 58

MISSISSIPPI (14-7, 4-5)
Bethley 1-13 1-2 3, Vollrath 0-0 0-0 0, Boyd 2-7 3-4 7, Corbitt 1-6 0-0 2, Myatt 3-12 6-6 15, Bantz 2-5 0-0 6, Wysinger 0-3 0-1 0, Moton 4-8 1-1 9, Dorsey 4-10 2-2 14, Signaigo 0-1 2-2 2, Gadd 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 17-66 15-18 58.
TENNESSEE (20-1, 9-0)
Holdsclaw 6-12 0-0 12, Catchings 6-8 3-4 16, Geter 2-4 3-3 7, Jolly 3-10 0-0 7, Randall 9-11 5-7 23, Snow 3-7 0-4 6, Butts 0-0 2-3 2, Canon 0-1 0-0 0, Edwards 3-3 0-0 6, Clement 2-5 6-6 12, Pillow 2-2 1-2 5. Totals 36-63 20-29 96.
Halftime--Tennessee 47, Mississippi 25. **3-point goals--**Mississippi 9-22 (Dorsey 4-4, Myatt 3-9, Bantz 2-4, Corbitt 0-1, Moton 0-1, Bethley 0-3), Tennessee 4-12 (Clement 2-4, Catchings 1-2, Jolly 1-6). **Fouled out--**Pillow. **Rebounds--**Mississippi 33 (Moton 5), Tennessee 50 (Snow 11). **Assists--**Mississippi 5 (Dorsey 2), Tennessee 16 (Jolly 4). **Total fouls--**Mississippi 22, Tennessee 17. **A--**18,279.

TENNESSEE 85, ALABAMA 73

TENNESSEE (19-1, 8-0)
Holdsclaw 10-15 4-6 24, Catchings 7-14 7-9 22, Geter 2-2 0-0 4, Jolly 2-5 2-2 8, Randall 6-9 3-4 15, Snow 3-4 1-1 7, Butts 0-1 0-0 0, Clement 1-1 2-2 5, Pillow 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 31-51 19-24 85.
ALABAMA (12-7, 3-5)
Jones 2-8 6-9 10, Canty 15-24 2-5 33, Caudle 2-9 1-2 5, Carruth 2-8 0-0 6, Johnson 2-5 3-4 7, Vice 0-6 0-0 0, Williams 3-9 0-0 7, Crenshaw 0-0 0-0 0, Cartwell 2-4 1-3 5. Totals 28-73 13-23 73.
Halftime--Tennessee 41, Alabama 28. **3-Point goals--**Tennessee 4-9 (Jolly 2-4, Clement 1-1, Catchings 1-3, Holdsclaw 0-1), Alabama 4-13 (Carruth 2-4, Canty 1-1, Williams 1-4, Johnson 0-1, Vice 0-3). **Fouled out--**None. **Rebounds--**Tennessee 33 (Holdsclaw, Catchings 7), Alabama 43 (Jones 14). **Assists--**Tennessee 10 (Jolly 4), Alabama 12 (Canty 5). **Total fouls--**Tennessee 20, Alabama 20. **A--**9,786.

IN OTHER COURT NEWS: Pat Summitt's teams have won 20+ games for 23 consecutive seasons... Tennessee ranks first in the country in women's attendance averaging 16,971 per game. That is also good enough to rank them sixth in the country overall between men and women's attendance figures... The Lady Vols faced six ranked teams during the month of January and have won 20 straight since the loss to Purdue the second game out... Holdsclaw earned SEC Player of the Week honors for the week of Jan. 4. Holdsclaw led the Lady Vols in wins over South Carolina and then top-ranked UCONN while averaging 23.5 ppg and 7 rpg... Sarah Edwards and Amanda Canon were given scholarships for the remainder of the season. Both came to Tennessee as walkons.

WOMEN'S SEC STANDINGS

DIVISION	CONFERENCE W	CONFERENCE L	OVERALL W	OVERALL L
Tennessee	11	0	22	1
Auburn	8	3	18	4
LSU	8	3	16	5
Georgia	7	4	19	4
Florida	6	5	17	9
Kentucky	5	6	15	8
Vanderbilt	5	6	12	11
Alabama	4	6	14	8
Ole Miss	4	7	13	9
Miss. St.	4	7	11	10
Arkansas	3	7	12	11
S. Carolina	0	11	10	12

Standings as of 2-8-99

Green's Fast Break...

1998-99 Hoops

Comments from Tennessee head basketball coach Jerry Green after late January and early February hoops action.

The Mississippi State game was probably as an unusual basketball game that I have ever been associated with.

We we did not shoot well from the perimeter early. We were only 2-18 from the perimeter in the first half and were just not able to get the ball in the basket.

We did not start Tony Harris because he did not practice the two days before the game. He was limping both of those days and couldn't even get up and down the court. We started Aaron Green.

Tony got his knee hurt at Arkansas and after the trainer watched him go through one drill and set he could not practice.

I am proud of the way our guys came back. The players came back with a lot of heart and just ran out of time at the end.

Mississippi State was good both offensively and defensively. There were no statistics in our offensive repertoire that were anything to brag about.

As a head basketball coach, I have to get them to ready play better than the way we started. I thought the best team on the floor was Mississippi State and they deserved to win.

This is a setback. Everybody else lost at the top. This was a great opportunity that we did not take advantage of.

We have to have better offensive production and become more consistent. It was unusual for us in this game to execute so well at times and so marginal at times. It all has to do with working on offense.

We had a great effort the last eight minutes. We were getting after it and not giving up. If we had played that hard the entire game, the outcome may have been different.

I have to do a better job of helping them. I have to prevent the highs and lows that occur with a team.

Our consistency on offense against them had a lot do with them. They were well prepared to play our sets. Very seldom did Brandon Wharton come off screens that they were not right there with a hand in his face.

We could just not get the ball in hole in the first half.

We came in a zone in the second half. We wanted to change up because we were not getting as many stops out of the man as we wanted. It was a good and bad idea. They were draining 30 and 35 seconds off the clock. Mississippi State was patient against the zone so we had to change back to man.

It was great to play in front of 20,000 plus fans in the victory over Alabama. It is always great to play in front of a great crowd. Twenty thousand people almost fill Thompson-Boling Arena. It is always fun to play in that atmosphere than it is one where you don't have that many people.

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Our bench played well against Alabama. One of the things we can't do is get Tony, Brandon and Vincent tired. When we do that, we're not nearly as good. The people coming off the bench have to give us confidence that they are going to be a plus for us and not a drawback. We just can't let our lead guard and two guard get tired.

Tony is doing a much better job of running our basketball team. He's is such a fighter and a competitor and sometimes leading the basketball team comes as a secondary role. He is certainly getting better at that.

Brandon is getting back in the groove we had hoped and predicted he would be in from the get-go. He's shooting the ball better, playing good defense and doing many things for us right now. We he is confident and playing his best, it gives us a great advantage.

The divisional races are now a question of whether a team can make a run. Kentucky seems to be in good shape in the east, and Auburn seems in good shape in the west. Whether anybody can make a run will be determined in the upcoming weeks. The month of February will be really, really big in those races because all of us are playing tough teams at home and on the road.

— Jerry Green

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Ben Byrd on the Vols...
Reflections on Old Times

I first started covering University of Tennessee basketball in the season of 1947-48, when I was a greenhorn sportswriter in my first year at the old *Knoxville Journal*. It was my first major assignment, and I dearly loved it. I was 22-years-old, pretty much the same age as the Vol players of the time, most of whom like myself had had their lives interrupted for a bit by World War II.

Emmett Lowery was the Vol head coach. Emmett was also in his first year, and he brought some excitement to UT basketball by introducing the fast break offense. Kentucky ruled the roost in those days, the Fabulous Five period in Adolph Rupp's storied career. Most of the rest of the conference lagged well behind in basketball. At most of the schools, an assistant football coach served as head cage coach.

I didn't get to cover all the road games then, as the practice became later. I made the trips to Lexington and the SEC Tournament at Louisville and occasionally to Georgia Tech, Georgia and Vanderbilt. We traveled by train for the most part, and got to know each other pretty well on those rather slow journeys. Coach Lowery was the most pleasant of men, a good conversationalist on almost any subject, and I learned a lot from him. Another regular member of the party was Lindsey Nelson, who had just begun broadcasting Vol games for radio station WKGN. Lindsey, too, was freshly home from the war.

This was the era of the old box gym in the SEC. The modern fieldhouse was still decades ahead. Even Kentucky, with its proud cage tradition, played its games in an arena that couldn't have seated more than 3500 spectators. The first time I went there, and I swear this is the truth, they had to stop the game at one point because of snow. There were some windows broken up on the balcony level and the snow had blown onto the playing floor!

The gym at Georgia was called Woodruff Hall, which a later coach, Harbin (Red) Lawson, once described as the only basketball floor in the country where the wind was a factor. Actually the first time I went there to cover a game the Bulldogs were coached by Ralph (Shug) Jordan, a football assistant who later returned to his alma mater, Auburn, to become one of the great football coaches of his time.

I can remember the Vols having a close call at Woodruff Hall one night. With the score tied, Tennessee cleared the floor for its ace, Paul (Lefty) Walther, and Lefty dribbled a full minute away before driving past his man and laying in the winning shot.

At Ole Miss one night a couple of seasons later the Vols held a narrow lead late in the game when Lowery became a little edgy about the situation.

There was no game clock on display in the Ole Miss gym. Time was kept at the scorer's table. Finally Emmett sent Lindsey, who by this time was Tennessee's Sports Information Director, to the table to find how much time remained. He didn't have much luck.

"They told me to tell you to coach your team and they would take care of the clock," was the message Lindsey brought back to Lowery. The Vols managed to hang on, for whatever length of time it took.

One winter day in Lexington, Gus Manning and I attended some sort of luncheon in connection with the Tennessee-Kentucky game to be played that night, and our dear old friend Ed Ashford, sports editor of the *Lexington Herald*, offered us a ride back to the Phoenix Hotel. Now, back home, my sports editor, Ed Harris, has an old car whose right front door wouldn't open because of a recent mishap, and, when I started to get in the passenger seat of Ashford's car, he said, "You'll have to get in the back. That door doesn't open." The car was an exact replica of Ed Harris' car in make and color.

As we got in, Gus whispered, "He stole Ed Harris' car!" We both broke out laughing, but never told Ashford what caused it. When we got back to Knoxville, we checked and found that Ed Harris was still tooling around in his vehicle. We always wondered if the two Eds got their cars from the same dealer.

Bob (Sports) Smith, a lovable innocent who did the radio broadcasts of Vol games for a few years, loved to clown around with players.

Once after an especially bitter loss at Kentucky, he entered the silent team bus and asked Lowery, "It is all right if I kid around with the players? It might make them feel better."

Emmett, who seldom spoke a cross word to anyone, didn't even look up.

"Get back there and sit down and shut up," he said.

What with the big new fieldhouses and modern transportation and all, today's basketball travel parties have it a lot better than we did, I suppose.

But I bet they don't have any more fun.

Former Vol
John Snow
(1972-74)

John Snow came to UT in the recruiting class of 1970-71 and played on a conference championship team his sophomore year.

He averaged double figures for three consecutive years, 10.1 in '72, 13.1 in '73 and 16.4 in '74. He was Academic All-SEC (B, Business Administration) in 1974.

He led the SEC in free throw shooting in 1973-74, hitting 81 of 91 charity tosses for 89 percent.

He came from Newark, Ohio, and now lives in Granville. He now works with Woodside Biomedical.

In the time passes quickly category, Snow's daughter Emily now attends Tennessee. She also works in the Sports Information Office.

John Snow played a key role in the fortunes of Tennessee basketball in the early 1970s and became a Stokely Center crowd favorite.

Vols Knock Off Dogs at Aquatic Center 141-101

The seventh-ranked Tennessee swimming and diving team soundly defeated sixth-ranked Georgia before a packed house at the Student Aquatic Center. The Vols (4-0, 2-0 SEC) turned in several season-best performances on Senior Day to deliver a 142-101 defeat to the Bulldogs.

Tennessee scored a decisive victory in the opening 400 medley relay to set the tone for the afternoon as the Vols took the top two spots. The team of Michael Gilliam, Jeremy McDonnell, Joel Shapiro, and Brent Owen reached the wall in a season-best time of 3:17.05 to claim the top spot. Georgia fought back with consecutive victories in the 1000 and 200 freestyle events by Beau Wiebel and Nicolas Kintz, respectively. The Vol sprinters made certain that the momentum would not shift by sweeping the first three places in the 50 freestyle with Lance Asti leading the way with a season-best time of 20.53. UT followed with wins by Shannon Roy in one-meter diving, Joel Shapiro in the 200 butterfly and another Asti win, this time in the 100 freestyle.

The Bulldogs interrupted the Vol run with a 200 backstroke victory by Yoav Goath and continued their distance freestyle dominance with Weibel's second win of the afternoon in the 50 freestyle.

Tennessee was too much for the Bulldogs on this afternoon, however. Gabi Chereches won an extremely close three-meter competition over Georgia's Jud Campbell and teammate Shannon Roy. McDonnell produced a season-best performance in the 200 breaststroke to win that event and clinch the victory for the Vols. In the final event, the Vols once again flexed their sprint freestyle muscle with a sweep of first and second places. Chris Johnson, Adam Engle, Owen, and Michael Gilliam reached the wall in a season-best time of 3:00.62 to claim the victory.

Tennessee improved its all-time record versus the Bulldogs to 23-1 with the only loss coming in Athens last season.

Volunteer Harriers Win in Indiana

Tennessee defeated Indiana and Ohio State in Bloomington, Ind., on Jan. 30 behind some impressive individual and team performances. Eight Vols took first and of those, freshman Leonard Scott tied the school record (Sam Graddy, 1983) with his time of 6.64 in the 60M dash. That time bests his NCAA Provisional Qualifying time of 6.68 set the previous weekend at Virginia Tech.

Other winners included junior Darwin Walker in the shot put with a NCAA Provisional Qualifying throw of 59-06 3/4, sophomore Tim Bell in the high jump (6-10 3/4) and senior Russell Johnson in the pole vault (16-06 3/4).

Senior Scott Perkinson captured first in the weight throw (54-00), senior Dawane Wallace won the 60M hurdles with a time of 7.95, senior Tom Pappas jumped 24-06 3/4 to win the high jump and the 4 X 400 Meter Relay team sealed the win for UT as they crossed the finish line first with a time of 3:16.29.

"The mile relay team won it for us at the end. This was a quality win for our program against some quality competition. This was a nice step forward as we prepare for the SEC meet," head coach Bill Webb said after the meet. "This meet was the first of the year for our distance runners and some of our football guys and they did really well. We are happy to come out of this with the win."

Junior Ryan Douglas set a lifetime-best with his third-place finish in the 400M dash. His time of 49.38 put him one second behind freshman teammate Dwayne Bell (48.11). Also setting a personal-best was junior Brock Smith in the 800M run. Smith's time of 1:54.10 earned him a second-place finish, just behind the leader. Pappas finished behind Wallace in the 60M hurdles with his time 7.98 and teammate Matt Rush took third in 8:15.

In the 3000M run, junior Anthony Famiglietti finished third (8:28.19) and junior Jon Jamison finished fifth with a time of 8:39.52. Famiglietti established a personal best in the mile run, finishing in third-place with a time of 4:11.75.

Walker led the way for the Vols in the shot put, but Tennessee took places three through five to dominate the event. Freshman Tyler Garrett finished second (55-09 1/4), sophomore Toby Colyer earned third (52-10) and Pappas' throw of 50-02 is his lifetime-best.

Senior Grant Cleghorn established personal-bests in the shot and the 60M hurdles. Freshman Matt Rush also set a personal-best time of 8:15 in the 60M hurdles, good for third-place in the event. Freshman Mark Johnson cleared 16-02 3/4 in the pole vault, earning a third-place finish and a lifetime-best. Freshman Rondell Mershon jumped 47-05 3/4 to take second in the triple jump and sophomore Russell Frye ran the 200M dash in 21.89, good for a fourth-place finish.

Another Tennessee Record-Holder

On Friday, Jan. 29, at the IKON Invitational, Scott broke the indoor school record in the 200M Dash running a 21.16 in preliminary qualifying. The time provisionally qualifies him for the NCAA Indoor Championships in Indianapolis, Ind., on March 5-6, and broke the record set by teammate Russell Frye (21.18) last season. Scott continued his unbelievable streak of early season success at the IKON Invitational. Scott broke the school record he tied just two weeks ago when he ran the 60M dash in 6.56.

Lady Vols Claim Second at Illinois Women's Invitational

The 15th-ranked University of Tennessee women's track and field team continues to get better and better. On Jan. 30, the Lady Vols took another step in the right direction as they posted a second-place finish at the Illinois Women's Invitational.

UT accumulated 141 points on the day to finish second, only six points behind the host Illini at the U of I Armory Fieldhouse. Miami (Fla.), the 22nd-ranked team in the nation, placed third with 103 points while Clemson took fourth with 89. The runner-up finish snapped the Big Orange's two-meet victory string in regular-season scored events.

While Tennessee may not have brought home the gold in the team competition, Lady Vols did find lots of treasure at the third meet of the season. A total of 10 personal bests were achieved, three school records were met or broken, three NCAA provisional qualifying standards were equaled and one facility record was established. To boot, UT was the top finisher in seven events in the Land of Lincoln.

Senior Kelli White was responsible for two of those victories, as she tied her school record and PR in the 60m dash with a 7.29 clocking that was just one one-hundredth of a second off the NCAA automatic qualifying time. She also crossed the line first in the 200m, circling the track in a provisional clocking of 23.82. For the second week in a row, Tracy Carrington cleared 12-1.50/3.70m in the pole vault, repeating her school record and PR and notching another provisional mark. What's more, she posted another track record, establishing a new vault best at the Armory Fieldhouse.

Throws specialist Andrea Pappas was responsible for the third school record, as she bested Kelly Smith's old mark of 49-1.75/14.98m (2-22-97/SECs/Gainesville,Fla.) in the weight throw by taking second with a heave of 49-7.75/15.13m. She also came back later in the day and took first in the shot put with a best toss of 46-8.75/14.24m. That equals two shot put victories in three meets for the junior transfer from the College of San Mateo (Calif.).

Other firsts came from Maureen Ferris, who ran a PR 2:11.46 in the 800m; Lesly Love, who navigated the track in the 400m at 56.46; and the distance medley relay, which posted the sixth-fastest reading in Lady Vol history at 11:43.29. That unit consisted of Angie Pothier, Janelle Briggs, Ferris and Sharon Dickie.

Also noteworthy were second-place outings by Frenke Bolt in the long jump (18-3.25/5.57m) and high jump (5-6.50/1.69m); Dickie in the mile in a PR 4:51.99; and the 4x400m relay of Briggs, Heather Sumpter, Erica Witter and Love in 3:51.52. Anchoring that squad, Love ran a sensational leg in rocketing UT back from a distant fourth-place position. Additionally, Love cleared 9-10/3.00m to take third in the first pole vault competition of her life.

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THIS WEEK IN BIG ORANGE COUNTRY

VOLS CLAIM O'CHARLEY'S TENNIS TITLE

The No. 12 Tennessee tennis team took its second consecutive O'Charley's/Vol Tennis Classic title Sunday by blanking William & Mary 5-0 in the final round. The Volunteers improved to a perfect 4-0 on the season at the Goodfriend Tennis Center.

Tennessee improved its overall play in singles and doubles on Sunday following Saturday's 5-2 victory over Indiana. Winning the doubles point pleased Tennessee head coach Michael Fancutt the most.

"I'm very pleased we won the doubles point because Indiana beat us in all three doubles matches Saturday. Wake Forest swept Indiana in doubles today and William & Mary swept Wake Forest in doubles Saturday," Fancutt said. "If you look at that, by all rights we should have been killed in doubles today. For us to come in and win today was a great effort.

"It's good to see us rise to the challenge. To beat them 5-0 is a good indicator," Fancutt said. "If we want to vie for the national championship, we need to beat unranked teams soundly when we play them."

Tennessee took two of three doubles matches to win the doubles point. First, Tennessee's Parsons and Podbury defeated Tim Csontos and David Kenas 8-4 in No. 3 singles. William & Mary's Trevor Spracklin and Lee Harang struck back by knocking off Tennessee's Chad Copenhaver and Mark Way 9-7 in No. 1 doubles. With the doubles point on the line, Tennessee's Peter Handoyo and Mirko Jovanovic edged past Patrick Brown and Brian Lubin 9-7. Tennessee led William & Mary 1-0 entering the singles matches.

The Vols never looked back and won four straight singles matches to take the 5-0 victory. Tennessee was again without the services of Mark Fitzpatrick as he recovers from the flu. At No. 2 singles, No. 10 Handoyo finished first by beating Harang 6-1, 7-6 (3). Handoyo, the highest ranked freshman in the nation, upped his record to 27-5. At No. 1 singles, Way defeated No. 81 Spracklin 7-5, 7-6 (4). At No. 4 singles, Podbury clinched the fourth point and the win for Tennessee by knocking off Kenas 6-2, 4-6, 6-3. Podbury stands 15-7 on the season. The No. 3 singles match was also finished as No. 46 Parsons defeated Mehdy Karbid 7-5, 4-6, 6-1 to make the final score 5-0. Parsons ran his record to 19-5. The Nos. 5 and 6 singles matches were suspended. In No. 5 singles, Tennessee's Adam Carey was set to face Brown. In No. 6 singles, Jovanovic of Tennessee was set to face Lubin.

Coach Michael Fancutt talks strategy with freshmen Peter Handoyo.

On day one of the O'Charley's Classic No. 12 Tennessee tennis team (3-0) rallied to beat Indiana 5-2 at the Goodfriend Tennis Center. The Vols earned a spot in the final round against unranked William & Mary. Tennessee was attempting to repeat as champions of the O'Charley's/Vol Tennis Classic.

The match started inauspiciously for Tennessee as Indiana swept all three doubles matches. At No. 1 doubles, Copenhaver and Way lost a struggle to Gabriel Montilla and Rahman Smiley 9-8 (6). It was the first time Copenhaver/Way have played together since the NCAA Championships last May. Copenhaver has been recovering from a late fall wrist surgery. Way spent the fall season in his native Australia The No. 2 doubles match was also a struggle as Podbury and Jovanovic were defeated by Milan Rakvica and Paul Jacobson 9-8 (2). At No. 3 doubles, Handoyo and Carey lost to Ian Arons and Ricardo Jordan 8-5. Indiana led Tennessee 1-0 entering the singles matches.

Tennessee rallied during singles play despite playing without Mark Fitzpatrick because of illness. Fitzpatrick normally plays No. 4 singles. The Volunteers took five of six singles matches to notch a 5-2 victory. At No. 1 singles, Way defeated Arons 6-3, 5-7, 6-3. At No. 2 singles, No. 10 Handoyo beat Montilla 6-7, 6-3, 6-4. Handoyo, the highest ranked freshman in the nation, ran his record to 26-5. In No. 3 singles play, No. 46 Parsons bested George McGill 6-4, 6-3. At No. 4 singles, Podbury posted a 6-4, 6-3 victory over Rakvica. The Vols' lone singles loss came at No. 5. Jovanovic, a freshman from Belgrade, Yugoslavia, lost a nailbiter to Jacobson 6-7, 6-4, 7-6. In No. 6 singles, Carey defeated Smiley 6-1, 3-6, 6-0.

—Nathan Kirkham

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Coca-Cola Big Orange Caravan

Here is this year's schedule for the 1999 Coca-Cola Big Orange Caravan, the annual "friends-raiser" for Tennessee's coaches and staff as they travel the Southeast to dine and play golf among Volunteer faithful.

Here is the 1999 Coca-Cola Big Orange Caravan schedule. April 26 -- Memphis, Tenn.; April 27 -- Paris, Tenn.; May 3 -- Kingsport, Tenn.; May 4 -- Sevierville, Tenn.; May 10 -- Chattanooga, Tenn.; May 11 -- Atlanta, Ga.; May 12 -- Charlotte, N.C.; May 13 -- Cincinnati, Ohio; May 17 -- Murfreesboro, Tenn.; May 18 -- Nashville, Tenn.; May 19 -- Columbia, Tenn.; May 26 -- Cookeville, Tenn. and May 27 -- an upper-Cumberland Plateau city to be determined soon.

There will be 13 stops this year, with five of them (Memphis, Kingsport, Sevierville, Chattanooga and Nashville) including invitation-only golf tournaments for VASF donors as well as dinner for all. The other eight stops will be highlighted by dinners with special speakers. More information will be available as the events draw nearer; watch this space.

1999 VASF Point System Minimums

The Office of Athletic Development recently mailed important orange fliers to all donors to the Volunteer Athletic Scholarship Fund. These flyers contain the projected VASF point system donation minimums for donor benefits for the 1999 football season. As March 1 quickly approaches, now is a great time to make that one-time extra gift to get into the point category allowing one to maximize his or her choices of ticket and parking priorities. Contact the Athletic Development office at (423) 974-1218 for more details.

VASF Donor Deadline is March 1

The deadline for contributions for priority on football benefits, including home season tickets, is March 1, 1999. The contributions must be received in the VASF office by March 1. Now is a great time to make your 1999 contribution and help the VASF reach the goals for this year. Those VASF donors who participate in the Volunteer Check-off program will need to resubmit an authorization for their monthly payments to continue for 1999 donor credit. Call the VASF office at (423) 974-1218 for more details.

Gift Acknowledgements and Tax Summaries

Please keep your acknowledgement letter that the VASF sends after each gift is made. The VASF only sends tax acknowledgement letters as the gifts are received. There will NOT be an end-of-the-year letter stating all tax-year contributions. Contact the Athletic Development Office at (423) 974-1218 for more details.

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Baseball Season Tickets

It is almost here. The days are getting longer and warmer. Baseball season is quickly approaching with the first home series slated to take place against Louisville Feb. 26-28. There are several ticket packages available, including birthday parties. For more information, call the Marketing office at (423) 974-1734.

The Junior Vols

Parents, take note of this club and how it can benefit your younger Volunteer fans. The University of Tennessee and Chick-fil-A have formed an elite organization offering younger Vol supporters the chance to be a part of something special.The club is known as the Junior Vols and membership is limited to girls and boys aged 13-years-old and under.

For the annual fee of $25, members of the Junior Vols club will receive the official Junior Vols T-shirt and membership card, a birthday card from Smokey, a complimentary subscription to the Junior Vols newsletter ("Paw Prints") and free admission into certain Tennessee Olympic home sports events, including baseball, swimming, track & field, tennis and golf.

This is a wonderful opportunity to provide your special someone with the ability to support the Volunteer athletic programs through membership in the Junior Vols. For more information about this official UT kids club, contact the Marketing office at (423) 974-1734.

Upcoming Basketball Games

Volunteer fans, the basketball season is almost completed. Mark your calendars now and make plans to attend the final two basketball home games against the Vanderbilt University Commodores Feb. 13 (7:30 p.m.) and against the University of Kentucky Wildcats Feb. 28 (noon).

Tickets should be available at the ticket office until halftime of the games, or you may charge by phone at (423) 656-1200.

Court for Sale

Volunteer fans, the University of Tennessee is selling the playing court from Thompson-Boling Arena. The pieces come in five different sizes and are mounted on a plaque. If you want more information on how you can obtain a piece of Big Orange Country Tennessee Basketball history, call toll free (877) UT-COURT (882-6878).

Compiled by Steve Sams

The Lettermen's "T" Club is in the process of designing a Wall of Fame to be located on the campus in front of the Neyland-Thompson Sports Center. The Wall will be made of Tennessee marble and will have the name of every individual who has been awarded a varsity letter "T" in a NCAA-sanctioned intercollegiate sport at the University of Tennessee. Names will be listed by decades and will include lettermen from all varsity sports.

The Wall will be approximately ninety feet long and six feet high. Letters in the names will be 3/4" high and engraved in the marble. Plans are to have benches strategically located so that visitors may sit and rest as they look at and locate names of persons who have participated in and contributed to the successful athletic programs of The University of Tennessee. There will be recessed lighting in the walkway around the structure so that names will be visible at night.

This will be a unique structure honoring all lettermen in all sports. We are dedicated to making sure that it will be of finest quality, and something each letterman can be proud of.

The "T" Club is in the midst of its first fund raising campaign. Cost for the project will be about $200,000 (actual cost has not yet been determined). Money must be in hand before beginning construction. All donations are 100% tax-deductible. Many lettermen are taking this opportunity to make donations in memory of deceased lettermen, while others will honor a living teammate or coach. Acknowledgments will be sent to the families of those memorialized or to the living honoree.

Make checks payable to:
University of Tennessee
Mail to: Lettermen's "T" Club
P. 0. Box 47
Knoxville, TN 37901
Attention: Judy Constantine

Please be sure to indicate that this contribution is to be used for the Lettermen's Wall.

The Wall of Fame Development Committee

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T CLUB

Below are donations made in memory of a former Lettermen.

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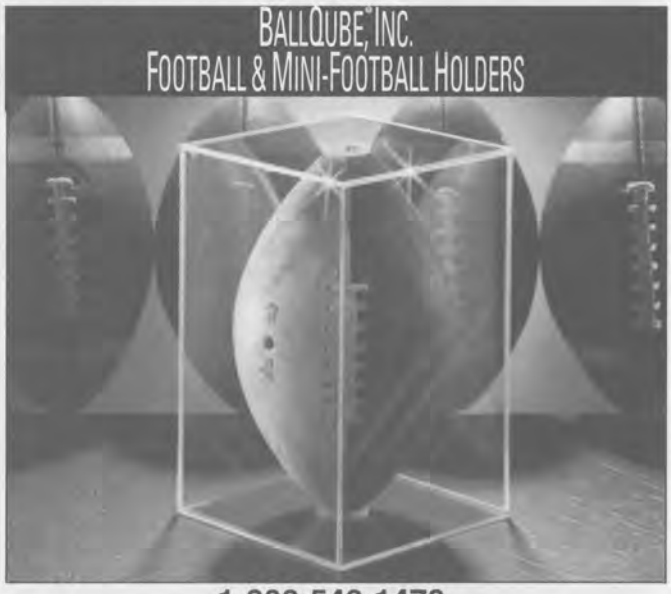
A Bit of Sad News

We have received word on the passing of two former Lettermen. Mike Disney (BK 63) passed away Nov. 29, 1998, and Warren Vick (FB, TK 41-43) who died April 18, 1998.

Lettermen Who Have Made A Contribution To The Lettermen's Club

Adams, Ralph	52	FB
Addison, Ronald	73-76	TK,CC
Ailor, Earl	40	TK
Albertson, Frank	51-53	TK,CC
Anderson, Bill	55-57	FB
Anderson, Charles	74-76	FB
Anderton, David	60-62	BK
Ashworth, Doug	74-76	BK
Baracca, Martin J.	60-61	FB
Barber, Bob	64-66	TK, CC
Barnes, William	37-39	FB, TK
Batchko, Mark	74-76	BS
Bedford, Phil	81-84	TK, CC
Beecham, Valerie	80-81	WSW
Blackstone, Frank	55	TK
Blizzard, Brad	85-87	BS
Bosch, Don	82	SW
Bowers, Richard T.	49-52	BK, BS
Bowling, Orbie Lee.	61-63	BK
Brandau, Arthur	42-43	FB, WR
Brand, H.C.	36	BK
Brann, Ray	58	FB
Browne, Doug	68-70	FB
Brown, Doug	71-74	TK, CC
Bryan, Chalmers R	67-68	TK
Burke, Greg	89-90	FB
Butler, Dan	51-53	FB
Byrd, Ray	51-52	FB
Campbell, Jeffrey	76	BS
Campbell, Robert R.	51-52	TS
Cantrell, Maurice	56-57	TK
Carter, J.W.	59-61	FB
Cartwright, Jim	58-60	FB
Christenberry, Dexter	37-38	SW,BKm
Cifers, Ed	38-41	FB, TK
Clabo, Phil	73-75	FB
Coffey, Charley	53-55	FB
Coleman, D.D.	47-48	SW
Cook, Jeff	83	TK
Cook, John	82-84	FB
Cox, Adrian	53-56	BS
Crawford, Denver	42, 46-47	FB
Crump, Joseph E.	72-75	SW
Cunningham, Mike	76	FB
Currie, W.G.	48-50	TS
Davis, John T.	51-52	FB
Davis, Thomas G.	53-55	TS, BKm
Demos, Robert	40	WR
Denbo, Don	68-70	FB
Dickson, Ernie	76	TK
Donahue, Ken	49-50	FB
Donnell, Robert	87	BKm
Drummond, Keith	54-55	FB
Elkins, Ray	48-49	FB
Ellspermann, Steve	66	FB
Emanuel, Frank	63-65	FB
Factor, Clinton B.	89	BS
Falco, Joe	63-64	FB
Farmer, Joel	83-85	FB
Fisher, John W.	36-38	BK, TK
Fisher, Tom	67-69	TK
Foster, Lewis C.	63-64	GF
Foxall, Joe W.	60-62	FB
Franklin, Mack	51-53	FB
Frye, Gilbert	58-59	BS
Gaylor, Roy	63, 65	BS
Genther, Scott	75-78	TK
Getner, Eric	86-89	FBr
Gleaves, Bob	56	FB
Graham, David	65-67	BS
Hagan, Norvin	70	WR
Hahn, James C.	66-68	FB
Hahn, Jimmy	49-51	FB
Harris, Haywood	HON	
Haslam, Jim	50-52	FB
Hatley, Ralph L., Sr.	32-34	FB
Hayes, Joe Black	35-37	FB, TK
Herzbrun, Lon	55-57	FB
Higdon, Charles E.	37-39	BK
Hooper, Herb	58-60	BS
Horton, Robert L.	66	FBm
Hudson, John Bill	60-62	FB
Hutchison, B. M.	41-43	FB, TS
Ingram, Gail	71-75	WBK, WTS
Jafolla, Jamie	80-83	SW
Jensen, David M.	70-71	TK
Johanson, Mike	86	BK
Johnson, Bill	55-57	FB
Johnson, Bob	65-67	FB
Johnson, Greg	71-73	BS
Johnson, Harold	48-50	FB
Johnson, Rip	80	BK
Jones, Pike	74	FB, TK
Jumonville, Ryan	92	TK
Jumper, Tom	50	FB
Jurus, Michael A.	66	TK
Justus, Bill	67-69	BK
Kasetis, Vince	49-51	FB
Kile, Jack	59	FB
Kincaid, Bill	56	FB
Langschmidt, Carl	53	BK
LaSorsa, Mike	58-61	FB, BS
Laughlin, Don	50	FB
Lauriciella, Hank	49-51	FB
Leake, David F.	63-65	FB
Lee, G. Avery, Jr.	68, 70	TK
Leos, Tim	86-89	TS
Littleford, Hal	47, 49	FB, BS
Love, Emmon	71-73	FB
Lucas, H. W.	47-49	SW
Lukowski, Joseph	57-59	FB
Lutz, Thomas C.	72-75	SW
Magee, Gordon	41	TK
Maples, Jason	86-88	BS
Martin, Ray	51-52	FB
Masses, David	58-60	BS
Mauck, Michael G.	74-76	FB
McBride, Jim	66-68	BS
McClure, Wallace	47-48	TKm
McConley, Mike	79-81	BS
McCord, Darrin	52-54	FB
McDearman, Robert	56	TS
McKeel, Richard	49-50	BS
McWilliams, John F.	54	FB
Merritt, J. B.	68	FB
Monaghan, Daniel	94-97	TK
Mondelli, Michael	67-69	FB
Morris, Laura Capps	74-75	WSW
Murphy, David L.	66-67	FB
Murphy, John T.	75-77	FB
Meyers, Eric	75	GF
Myers, James A.	41-42, 46	FB
Mynatt, Robert T., Jr.	47-48	TK
Neff, Herb	48-52	BK, TK
Nichols, John	62-66	TK, CC
Oden, William H.	73-75	BS
Oleksiuk, Pat	52, 54	FB
Ottinger, Ewin	57, 59	TK, CC
Paidousis, Mike	44-46	FB
Parrington, David N.	ACH-SW	
Paty, John M.	62-64	FB
Pearman, William	47, 49-51	FB
Perry, Patrick	65	TK
Pierce, Phil	69-71	FB
Pinkham, Steve	76-79	BS
Polofsky, Gordon	49-51	FB
Prater, George	40	BSm
Redding, Jack	44	FB
Reed, Horace	42, 46-47	TK, CC
Reeverts, Don	57-59	BK, TK
Reid, Patrick J.	85-87	TK
Revere, Doc	76-77	FB
Reynolds, Art	71-73	FB
Richards, Larry	60-62	FB
Rigus, Warren A.	76-77	GF
Robinson, Richard J.	53-54	FBm
Robinson, Steve	68-70	FB
Roe, Joe	57	FB
Scott, Bobby	68-70	FB
Sellmer, William C. II	64-66	TK
Shields, Kenneth P.	83-86	SW
Shires, Pat	50, 52-53	FB
Shoffner, Gen. Austin	36-37	FB,WR
Short, Charles E.	52-54	TK, CC
Silva, Joseph	37	WR
Simpson, Gene	56-59	BK, BS
Sizemore, Bernie	49-50	FB
Slatery, Herbert	38-40	TS
Smelcher, James M.	55-57	FB
Smith, Mark E.	81-83	BS
Spoone, Bill	53	FB
Stalcup, Mac	67-68	BS, TK
Steffy, Joseph B.	44	FB
Stottlemyer, Dave	55-57	FB
Stratton, Mike	59-61	FB
Taylor, Ron	53-57	TK, CC
Thomas, Daniel	45-47	BK
Thomas, John	46, 49	BK
Thompson, Herman	54-57	BK
Thompson, Joe	69-71	FB
Thompson, Johnny	70, 72	FB
Thompson, J. P., III	66-68	GF
Trubits, Frank	49-51	FB
Trusley, Brent	72	BS
Wade, Jimmy	51-54	FB
Ward, James C., III	80	GF
Warren, S. M.	38-40	TK
Watson, Brent R.	74-77	FB
Watts, Greg	86	GF
Weatherford, Jim	66-68	FB
Weinstein, Jackie	57-59	BS
Wenkebach, Kevin M.	91	FB
Williams, Cliff	56	FB
Williams, Dick	66-68	FB
Witek, Norman L.	65-67	TK, CC
Woods, Lowell L.	57-58	TK, CC
Wood, Carroll A.	45	FB
Wood, Babe	36-39	FB, BS
Wright, Bill	43, 47	BK
Wright, Tom	38	
Wyatt, Gary	74	TK, CC
Wyche, Bubba	67-68	FB
Wyman, G. Richard	93-94	BS



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A Stadium Celebration...
Over 40,000 attend despite rain

Twenty four days removed from the end of the college football season brought over 40,000 fans to Neyland Stadium to celebrate Tennessee's first national championship since 1951.

You can never accurately predict the weather, especially in late January. Had the event been held one week earlier, the attendance could have been much larger and the they all could have enjoyed sunny skies and almost 70 degrees. Yes, 70 degrees in January. As a matter of fact, we almost set a record high for that date.

As it was, the skies gave way to clouds and a scattered rain. It really did not start to rain until after the actual celebration began, which occurred around 1 p.m. But it was enough.

There is no way to know how many people watched the event live from their homes and how many newspapers carried the event as front page news the following morning in Sunday's papers.

The forty-plus thousand in attendance had a great time. Between all of the sponsors that put forth an effort to give away momentos of this celebration to the players, coaches, staff and other special guests, fans spent a day sharing in one of the greatest moments in Tennessee football history.

The day began earlier for some and later for others, all to make the day one to remember.

As the gates opened fans were greeted by Orange and White shakers placed on some 40,000 seats by the VASF Collegiate Club. The fans were also lucky enough to have one of 10 different championship license plates given away, as well as the thousands of adidas posters and team photos that were handed out upon entering the Stadium.

The fans were then greeted by a 16'x20' Jumbotron screen placed in the South upper deck, which replayed the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl. Of course, the game would not have been complete without the call of the game by John Ward and Bill Anderson.

As the countdown neared 1 p.m., fans began to cheer as the team left from the Neyland-Thompson Complex for the Stadium, while inside the Stadium, football mangers clad in Orange brought out trophy after trophy and placed them on tables.

The Pride of the Southland Marching Band assembled in preparation for their performance.

Above - Bill Anderson (standing left) and John Ward (standing right) take one last salute as broadcasting duo for the Vol Network. What a way to go out. Below - Coach Phillip Fulmer stands with SEC Commissioner Roy Kramer during the presentation of the 1998 SEC Championship Trophy, won by the Vols for a second straight year. Photos by F.T.T. - Carringers

While Coach Fulmer (above photo) and his family make their way to Neyland Stadium, Challenger (American Bald Eagle below) made his entrance from the North Stands during the National Anthem. Photos by F.T.T. - Carringers

Momentum built as The Pride went through a portion of their pregame drills, followed by one of the most awe inspiring scene one can partake in. Making a special appearance was none other than Challenger, an American Bald Eagle who because of too much human contact can not be released in the wild. He made his way into the stadium during the national anthem. It was an awesome site to behold.

The Band then formed the famed "T" as players and football staff members were introduced. After the introductions, fans watched highlights as workers prepared the stage for the ceremony. In case you are not aware, Barry Rice, Link Hudson and Joe Harrington are your resident video geniuses when it comes to the Vol sports videos.

Fans withstood the rain and stayed to hear everyone speak and the players to say thanks one more time for a magical and unbelievable year. When the Sears Trophy was presented the regional manager was more than happy to make the presentation, but added how nice it would be to return to Knoxville next year and again pass on the trophy and its prized lead crystal football to the University of Tennessee. Oh, you might want to catch "The Last Word." A mythical computerized championship game was played against Ohio State - my thoughts on the contest; someone with too much time in a meaningless and pointless game. They will have to wait for next year - AGAIN.

—Donnell Field

FULMER HONORED AS TENNESSEAN OF THE YEAR: Vol football coach Phillip Fulmer was honored as the Tennessean of the Year at the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Banquet Friday night (Feb. 5) at the Renaissance Hotel in Nashville. The honor goes annually to the person, inside or outside sports, who has brought special distinction to the state.

Fulmer was chosen in recognition of his achievements in 1998 such as guiding the Vols to the national championship and winning selection as national coach of the year in his seventh year at the Vols helm. Past Tennesseans of the Year have included country music stars Barbara Mandrell, Roy Acuff, Vince Gill and Conway Twitty; elected officials Al Gore Jr. and Don Sundquist and athletic figures Pat Summitt and Peyton Manning.

Other honorees at the banquet with a UT connection include the Vol football team and Lady Vol basketball team, teams of the year; swimmer Jeremy Linn and Lady Vol basketball player Chamique Holdsclaw, amateur athletes of the year; Colorado Rockies baseball player Todd Helton, professional athlete of the year; footballers Curt Watson, Joe Steffy and John Michels and basketball player Harry Anderson, inductees into the Hall of Fame.

Football Signs 17
A Look at the Future Vols

Greg Barnum, Lineman, 6-1, 295, Killeen, Texas (Ellison)
Devon Davis, Back, 6-3, 223, Austin, Texas (McCallum)
Troy Fleming, Back, 6-2, 210, Franklin (Battle Ground Academy)
Albert Haynesworth, Lineman, 6-6, 300, Hartsville, S.C. (Hartsville)
Anthony Herrera, Lineman, 6-4, 310, Naples, Fla. (Barron Collier)
Sterling Kazee, Back, 6-2, 180, Irving, Texas (MacArthur)
Steven Lee, Placekicker/Punter, 5-11, 165, Citronelle, Ala. (Citronelle)
Eddie Moore, Back, 6-0, 210, South Pittsburg (South Pittsburg)
Constantin Ritzmann, Lineman, 6-4, 245, Tallahassee, Fla. (North Florida Christian)
Charles Roberson, Lineman, 6-3, 235, Fairburn, Ga. (Creeksdale)
Terriea Smalls, Lineman, 6-3, 295, Pineville, S.C. (Timberland)
Chavis Smith, Lineman, 6-3, 250, Forest City, N.C. (East Rutherford)
Onterrio Smith, Back, 5-11, 190, Sacramento, Calif. (Grant)
Scott Wells, Lineman, 6-2, 280, Spring Hill (Brentwood Academy)
Kevin Young, Lineman, 6-4, 250, Duncanville, Texas (Duncanville)

Players who enrolled mid-term at Tennessee in January.
Anthony Sessions, Back, 6-1, 210, Bonaire, Ga. (Copiah-Lincoln JC)
A.J. Suggs, Quarterback, 6-5, 205, Powder Springs, Ga. (McEachern)

GREG BARNUM
Lineman, 6-1, 295
Killeen, Texas (Ellison)

Rated as the No. 9 offensive lineman and the No. 68 player in the nation in ESPN's Top 100...Listed as the No. 1 center by the *National Recruiting Advisor*...Was a finalist for *Texas Football* magazine's Class 5A Player of the Year...Named all-state, all-district and all-BenTex... Anchored line that produced 377 yards per game and recorded 30 pancake blocks...Team finished 9-2 making the state playoffs...As a junior, he had 10 pancake blocks and anchored an offense that produced a 2500-yard running back...Ellison HS coach: Robert Walker...Full Name: Gregory

HEAD COACH PHILLIP FULMER'S COMMENTS ON THE 1999 RECRUITING CLASS

"You always want to recruit well. It's the lifeblood of what we do. These days, you have to recruit much more to position and try to stay two years ahead as much as we can. We try really hard to recruit character and this is as solid a group of people as we've had. I'm really proud of that. Our goal is to get them to reach their potential and help us stay on the track we're on right now. We started like gangbusters after the Fiesta Bowl. That was exciting for us, but we didn't finish as strongly as I would have like to have, particularly with a couple of receivers I thought we had a chance to get. Having eight receivers on scholarship and no seniors-to-be among them probably had something to do with that. We did try to be very selective to stay within our numbers. I think we did a great job of filling our needs in the defensive line for the future, with Albert Haynesworth, Terriea Smalls, Constantin Ritzmann, Kevin Young and Chavis Smith. If Charles Roberson makes his grades (and we're probably looking at placing him in a junior college), then he'll join us. We got two very good tailbacks in Troy Fleming and Onterrio Smith, both guys who had great numbers in high school, but, more importantly, they look like they have great college potential. I'm anxious to get those guys in the mix. At safety, Anthony Sessions is already on campus and Sterling Kazee, who, of all the safeties we evaluated, we thought was the very best one. With what we do defensively, it's tremendously important that we have safeties who can play. We probably came up one short in the offensive line from what we thought we had to have. We thought we got three outstanding guys in Anthony Herrera, Scott Wells and Greg Barnum. We'll probably start Eddie Moore off at linebacker, although he's a guy who could play a lot of places. Devon Davis looks like he's just exactly what you're looking for at middle linebacker. Losing Jeff Hall is a big factor for us, but we do have some walk-on guys on campus who have some ability. Steven Lee will come in and compete with those guys. They'll start off ahead because they've been in the program and been in a spring practice. I think Steven gives us a lot of potential. I expect A. J. Suggs to compete this spring for the back-up role. He looks like a really outstanding player. We had 15 scholarships available and signed 17. There will be some natural attrition that always occurs, either medically or academically. I think we signed 17 good players."

Patrick Barnum...Born: March 7, 1981.

DEVON DAVIS
Back, 6-3, 223
Austin, Texas (McCallum)

Earned all-state and all-district honors twice...Selected as the Central Texas Defensive Player of the Year in 1997 and 1998...Ranked among the Top 15 strong side linebackers in the country by the *National Recruiting Advisor*...Played middle linebacker and led his Class 4A team with 114 tackles (98 solo), eight sacks and two interceptions as a senior...Posted 19 tackles against Reagan HS in top performance...As a junior, recorded 128 tackles with six caused fumbles, eight sacks, one interception and 30 tackles for loss...Squad made the playoffs for the first time in 30 years his junior season...Was a three-year starter at linebacker and started for two seasons at fullback his freshman and sophomore years...Holds school records in the discus (165-5) and the shot put (53-6)...McCallum HS coach: Pat Honeycutt...Full Name: Devon Dennard Davis...Born: Jan. 4, 1981.

TROY FLEMING
Back, 6-2, 210
Franklin (Battle Ground Academy)

SuperPrep All-America who was rated as the No. 2 running back in Tennessee...Named to the *Knoxville News-Sentinel* Top 25...A three-time first-team all-state and all-area selection who was twice named the Division II Class A Mr. Football (1997-1998)...A two-way player at Battle Ground Academy as a running back and free safety...Helped lead team to three Division Class A state titles in 1995, 1997 and 1998...Finished as the No. 2 all-time national rushing leader with 9,487 yards...Set Tennessee high school rushing mark for a single season with 3,008 yards and 37 touchdowns as a senior...Also set state rushing record as a sophomore with 2,817 yards...He followed with 2,775 yards and 39 touchdowns as a junior...Ran for 322 yards and three scores against Tyner...Rushed for 258 yards and three touchdowns against Trousdale County in 1998...Led team in interceptions as a freshman with seven...Teams compiled a three-year record of 34-6...Competes in basketball with a 12.0 points per game average...Excellent track athlete, competing in the 100m (10.9), long jump (22-0), high jump (6-2)...Won state triple jump title as a junior...Also competes on the 4x100 and 4x200 relay teams...Battle Ground Academy Coach: Peter Thurmond...Full Name: Troy Majors Fleming...Born: Oct. 1, 1980.

ALBERT HAYNESWORTH
Lineman, 6-6, 300
Hartsville, S.C. (Hartsville)

SuperPrep All-America...Rated as the No. 4 defensive lineman and the No. 14 player in the nation in ESPN's Top 100...Listed as the No. 1 defensive tackle by the *National Recruiting Advisor*...Rated No. 3 by *SuperPrep* in South Carolina...Rivalnet All-America...Helped lead team to state championship as a junior in Class 4-A...Finished with 110 tackles, 51 quarterback pressures and six sacks as a senior...Named to the All-Star team for the North Carolina/South Carolina Shrine Bowl...As a junior he accounted for 150 tackles, six sacks, 56 tackles for loss and six fumble recoveries...Participates in track, throwing the shot...Hartsville HS coach: Lewis Lineberger...Full Name: Albert Haynesworth III...Born: June 17, 1981

ANTHONY HERRERA
Lineman, 6-4, 310
Naples, Fla. (Barron Collier)

Named first-team all-state in Class 6A as a senior in the largest classification...Two-year starter at left offensive tackle and one-year starter on defense...Named the 22nd-best senior in the state and was a *National Recruiting Service* All-America...*Ft. Myers News-Press* Offensive Player of the Year and district offensive MVP...Teams went 23-12 over his career...Named team MVP and team captain...Participates in track in the shot put (45-10) and discus (135-0)...Moved to Naples from Trinidad-Tobago, where he was born...Is the second Vol athlete from Trinidad-Tobago, joining former Olympian and All-America Trevor James who lettered in track from 1971-74...Barron Collier HS coach: David Tanner...Full Name: Anthony Junior Herrera...Born: June 14, 1980.

STERLING KAZEE
Back, 6-2, 180
Irving, Texas (MacArthur)

An all-state, all-area and all-district selection as a senior...Named the 1998 District 5A Defensive Player of the Year...As a senior, recorded 74 tackles with five interceptions, seven tackles for loss, two fumble recoveries and two caused fumbles...He returned seven punts for 131 yards (18.7 avg.) and one touchdown...He returned four kickoffs for 153 yards (38.3 avg.)...He also saw spot duty at tailback, rushing for 150 yards on two carries with one touchdown...In 1997 as a junior, he recorded 57 tackles, 10 fumble recoveries, 12 caused fumbles, seven interceptions with three touchdowns and three blocked kicks...As a return man, he averaged 29.0 on kickoffs, 13.6 on punts and returned two for touchdowns...A three-year starter at safety and split times between tailback and wide receiver...Starting guard on basketball team, averaging 21.0 points per game...MacArthur HS coach: David Visentine...Full Name: Sterling Keith Kazee...Born: Sept. 15, 1979.

STEVEN LEE
Placekicker / Punter, 5-11, 165
Citronelle, Ala. (Citronelle)

A two-time 5A all-state, all-area and all-region honors...As a senior,

he booted 29 of his 32 kickoffs in the endzone and converted on 29-of-30 extra-point tries...He also kicked three field goals of 50 or more yards, the long being a 57-yarder against Davidson...He was 6-of-12 as a senior, with 11 attempts from 45 yards or longer...Also punted for a 40.8-yard average...Connected on 10-of-17 field goals as a junior with a long of 48 yards...Kicked game-winning field goal as a sophomore against Robertsdale...Teams reached the playoffs all three years...Is the younger brother of former Ole Miss kicker Brian Lee, the Rebels all-time scoring leader...Also participates in golf and tennis...Citronelle HS coach: Ronny Massey...Full Name: Steven Alan Lee..Born: June 6, 1981.

EDDIE MOORE
Back, 6-0, 210
South Pittsburg (South Pittsburg)

SuperPrep Dixie Super 30...A member of the *Knoxville News-Sentinel's Top 25*...Made all-state, all-region...He was named Tri-State Super Player of the Year and the Class A Offensive MVP...Finalist for Class A Mr. Football...A two-way player at safety and running back...Was a four-year starter at running back who ran for 2,100 yards and set season-record with 43 touchdowns as a senior...Holds the total offense record of 3,100 yards for a season...Set single-game rushing attempts mark with 45...Also contributed 328 yards receiving and punted for a 37.8 average...On defense he recorded 78 tackles and four interceptions from his safety position...Team finished with a 13-1 record reaching the state semifinals...As a junior, he had 1,800 yards and a state leading 29 touchdowns, plus three passing scores...Also had 154 tackles...Rushed for just under 4,000 yards and 74 touchdowns in his career...Also plays basketball...South Pittsburgh HS coach: Vic Grider...Full Name: Edward Deon Moore...Born: July 5, 1980.

CONSTANTIN RITZMANN
Lineman, 6-4, 245
Tallahassee, Fla. (North Florida Christian)

Rated as the No. 14 defensive lineman in the nation by ESPN...Listed among the top five defensive ends by the *National Recruiting Advisor*...Named Class 2A All-State and all-city...Foreign exchange student from Germany, therefor only played one year of high school football...Considered by NFL Europe scouts as the No. 1 high school prospect in the country at his position...Compiled a school-record 26 sacks among 150 tackles in 14 games for the Class 2A state champions (11-3)...In a game against Shanks High School, he finished

with 16 tackles, three sacks and three forced fumbles...Played in Georgia/Florida All-Star game...Played on a European All-Star team...Participates in track in the long jump and shot put...North Florida Christian HS coach: Tim Cokely...Full name: Constantin Ritzmann...Born: Dec. 20, 1979.

CHARLES ROBERSON
Lineman, 6-3, 235
Fairburn, Ga. (Creeksdale)

Parade, PrepStar, SuperPrep All-America...Ranked as the No. 12 offensive lineman by ESPN...Listed as the state's No. 1 player at defensive end...Garnered all-metro honors...As a senior, he registered 80 tackles and 12 sacks...He returned a pair of fumble recoveries for touchdowns...Made three sacks against Hart County...Ranks second in career sacks at school...He also doubles as a tight end...As a junior, he amassed 96 tackles, 27 sacks and returned three interceptions for touchdowns...Was a three-year starter at defensive end...Team's three-year record was 28-7...Squad reached quarterfinals of 1998 playoffs...Runs the 100m, 200m and 400m in track...Plays basketball, averaging 16 points and 12 rebounds per game...Cousin of former Chicago Bears defensive tackle and Super Bowl MVP, Richard Dent...Creekside HS coach: Amos McCreary...Full Name: Charles MarkJuan Roberson...Born: Aug. 3, 1980.

ANTHONY SESSIONS
Back, 6-1, 210
Bonaire, Ga. (Copiah-Lincoln JC)

Enrolled at UT in Spring 1999...Attended Copiah-Lincoln Junior College in Mississippi where he earned All-America, first team all-state junior college and first team all-region XXIII honors...He was a two-way player who also saw time on special teams as a kick returner...Co-captain of squad and selected to play in the North/South All-Star game...While playing in the secondary, he recorded 82 tackles as a freshman and 73 total hits with two interceptions as a sophomore...Considered of the top JUCO players by *SuperPrep*...He scored five touchdowns from his quarterback position, returned an interception for a touchdown and also hauled a kickoff back 100 yards for a score...As a freshman he played outside linebacker... Copiah-Lincoln JC coach: Phil Broome...Attended Northside High School in Warner Robins, Ga., where he played quarterback and linebacker while garnering first team All-State honors and being named first team All-Middle Georgia...He was named the *Daily Sun* Player of the Year and the Coca-Cola Golden Helmet Player of the Year...Named second team all-state following junior campaign...He rushed for 993 yards and 12 touchdowns in five games as a

predominantly running quarterback...Signed with Mississippi State, but did not qualify academically...Northside HS coach: Conrad Nix...Full Name: Anthony Sessions...He was born Feb. 16, 1979.

TERRIEA SMALLS
Lineman, 6-3, 295
Pineville, S.C. (Timberland)
SuperPrep All-America...Rated as the No. 6 player in South Carolina by *SuperPrep*...Is the first player from school to sign with a Division I program in any sport...Garnered all-state, all-region and all-conference honors as a senior defensive tackle...Named the Region 6-AAA Defensive Player of the Year...As a senior he tallied 82 tackles, 13 sacks, four fumbles caused and three fumbles recovered...Senior squad finished with a 9-2 record, reaching state playoffs...Earned an invitation to the North Carolina/South Carolina Shrine Bowl...As a junior, he had 94 tackles, seven sacks, nine tackles for loss and eight caused fumbles...Was a three-year starter at offensive tackle and defensive tackle...Threw the shot and discus as a sophomore...Timberland HS coach: Phillip Morgan...Full Name: Terriea L. Smalls..Born: Dec. 12, 1980.

CHAVIS SMITH
Lineman, 6-3, 250
Forest City, N.C. (East Rutherford)
Tom Lemming rated him as the No. 4 linebacker in the ACC region...*SuperPrep* says he is the No. 6 prospect in North Carolina as a defensive lineman...*The National Recruiting Advisor* ranks him the Atlantic Region's No. 3 tight end...Registered 10 tackles and three sacks in win over Chase HS in 1998...A three-year varsity starter who was named all-county as a junior...Has undergone three arthroscopic surgeries on left knee in career, the most recent coming six games into the 1997 season...East Rutherford HS coach: Jerry Cash.

ONTERRIO SMITH
Back, 5-11, 190
Sacramento, Calif. (Grant)
SuperPrep All-America...Selected twice all-state and all-district...As a senior, rushed for 3,154 yards and scored 60 touchdowns (53 rushing) in leading team to 10-1-1 record...Set school single-season records for rushing yards and touchdowns as a senior...Also set career rushing mark of 6,123 yards and touchdowns scored...He scored six touchdowns in three different games...Named all-state, all-city offensive player of the year and all-league MVP...Posted top rushing game of 373 yards against Yuma City...Also played defensive back...As a junior, rushed for 1,960 yards and 27 touchdowns...Made 74 tackles with four fumble recoveries...Team won state title in 1996 as a sophomore and reached the finals in 1997...Was a three-year starter at running backs and two years at free safety and cornerback...Is a guard on the basketball team, averaging eight points per game...Also plays third base and shortstop in baseball...Posted a personal-best 10.8 in the 100m, while also competing on the 4x100m relay team...Grant HS coach: Mike Alberghini...Full Name: Onterrio Raymond Lloyd Smith...Born: Dec. 8, 1980.

A.J. SUGGS
Quarterback, 6-5, 205
Powder Springs, Ga. (McEachern)
Enrolled at UT in Spring 1999...A four-year starter who was a *SuperPrep* All-America and rated the No. 16 quarterback in country...Garnered all-state, all-region and all-district honors...Named the AP Player of the Year for the state of Georgia...Touchdown Club of Atlanta and the Macon Touchdown Club Player of the Year...Played in 1998 Class AAAA state championship game while leading team to 14-0 record and passing for 2,056 yards with 21 touchdowns on 125-of-191 pass attempts...Passed for 2,100 yards and 19 touchdowns with three interceptions as a junior, earned honorable mention all-state honors...Led team to 10-2 record...McEachern HS coach: Jim Dorsey...Full name: Aaron Joseph Suggs...Born: Dec. 8, 1980.

SCOTT WELLS
Lineman, 6-2, 280
Spring Hill (Brentwood Academy)
PrepStar, CNN/SI All-America...A two-time all-state, all-region and all-district selection...Named to the *Knoxville News-Sentinel's* Top 25...Was a four-year starter as an offensive guard and a three-year starter at defensive tackle...Named Division II Class A Mr. Football (lineman) in 1998 and was a finalist in 1997...Recorded a team-high 14 sacks as a senior, while serving as team captain...Team reached the state finals and finished with an 11-1 record...Had 60 tackles and 12 sacks as a junior on team that finished 7-3...Ranked as the No. 1 heavyweight wrestler in the country...Went undefeated on the mat in junior and senior seasons, serving as team captain...Was a two-time national champion in Greco Roman wrestling...Named the state of Tennessee wrestling MVP...Also competes in track, throwing the discus and the shot put...Brentwood Academy coach: Carlton Flatt...Full Name: Scott Darvin Wells...Born: Jan. 7, 1981.

KEVIN YOUNG
Lineman, 6-4, 250
Duncanville, Texas (Duncanville)
Named the *Dallas Morning News'* 5A Area Defensive Player of the Year...All-State, All-Region and All-Area...Helped lead team to 12-3 record and Class 5A state championship in 1998...Finished his senior season with 112 tackles, including 20 tackles for loss and 11 sacks...As a junior, he had 101 tackles and recorded 12 sacks...Three-year starter at defensive end...Duncanville HS coach: Bob Alpert...Full Name: Kevin Edward Young...Born: February 17, 1981.

Faces in Big Orange Country

Tony Harris, the native from Memphis, leads Tennessee in assists and steals this season. Harris averages 5.2 assists to rank second in the SEC and 1.6 steals. He scored a career-high 25 points in season opener vs. Arizona, hitting 7-of-11 3pt FGs. He tallied 18 points (6-of-9 FGs/4-of-6 treys) vs. UTC, while dishing out a season-high 7 assists. Harris also ranks seventh in the SEC in three-point field goal percentage (.419), hitting 18-of-43. Harris is a candidate for the 1998-99 Wooden Award, given to the nation's top basketball player, and was a pre-season All-SEC (League's Media). Along with with that line Harris earned recognition on the 1998 Frosh All-America/3rd team *(Basketball Times)*, 1998 All-SEC Freshman Team (AP/Coaches) and the 1998 Second-team All-SEC (AP).

Freshman **Alison Ojeda** is off to a superb start for the Lady Vols tennis team this year. The San Antonio, Texas, native has helped guide UT to a 2-1 mark in the dual season as she leads the squad in singles (12-5) and doubles (9-5) victories. Against Ohio State she helped the 26th-ranked Lady Vols capture a hard-fought 5-4 decision with her third singles win of the dual season, 6-3, 6-3. Teaming with fellow Lady Vol junior Candy Reid, the duo gave Tennessee the victory over the Buckeyes by winning the No. 2 doubles match, 8-6. Ojeda, who is pursuing a degree in sport management, hopes to pursue a pro career or to coach collegiate tennis.

Senior pole vaulter **Tracy Carrington** has launched herself to the forefront of an up-and-coming women's event. On Jan. 22, the Ft. Worth, Texas, native cleared the bar at 12-1 fi to win the Pepsi Indoor Invitational in Blacksburg, Va., and set Lady Vol and Rector Field House records in the process. The mark also provisionally qualified Carrington for te NCAA Championships in Indianapolis on March 5 and 6 and automatically gained her entrance into the USA Track & Field Championships, which are scheduled for Feb. 26 and 27 at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta. An English major, Tracy transferred to Tennessee last season after running distance events at Colorado for two seasons. Last year, in her first effort at the vault, she cleared 10-10 at the SEC indoor meet to place seventh.

After redshirting his freshman season in football, **Leonard Scott** returned to doing what he does best...running. The Zachary, La., native went straight from the football field to the track, without any preparation. Afterall, sprints are his forte and he does them well. The Louisiana high school state champion in the 100M and 200M began his track season for the Vols by first tying the 60M Dash record (6.64) held by Sam Graddy and then a week later, shattering that mark with a 6.56 time. He also set a freshman and indoor record at the very same meet in the 200M with a time of 21.16. Both of those marks came at the IKON Invitational. What coaches around the league are fearing is that not only can this young man rewrite the track record books for the SEC and the NCAA, but that when the 1999 football campaign comes around, he will line up at the wideout position and blow by the competition there as well.

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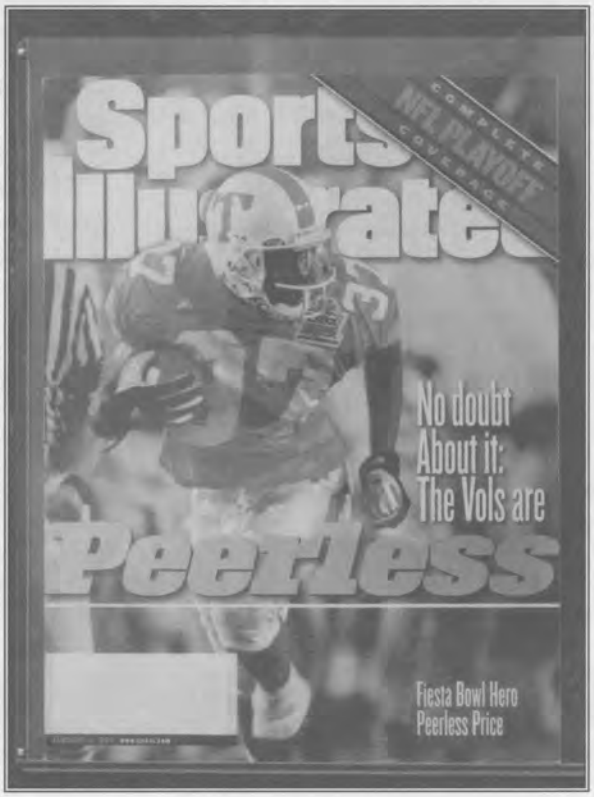

The Last Word...

ANOTHER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP?

You may have just thought Tennessee won the 1998 national championship with the now-famous 23-16 win over Florida State in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 4. Well, thanks to our friends in Columbus, Ohio, there was another national championship game played and, ladies and gentlemen, the results were not good. At all.

Here's what Buckeye Sports Bulletin, an independent publication covering Ohio State sports, had to say about this "national championship" game.

We could not tell if their collective tongues were planted firmly in their cheeks or not, but here goes.

Most football observers agreed after the bowl season that Tennessee was the undisputed national champion after beating Florida State in the Fiesta Bowl.

But with Ohio State ending up 11-1 and not getting a shot at the title, WBNS-AM -- OSU's flagship station --decided to match up OSU and Tennessee in a mock title game. The station went so far as to have a computer expert play the game and have its announcers put together a mock broadcast Jan. 30. [The same day of the Vols' celebration at Neyland Stadium.]

And, in the final analysis, Ohio State claimed the mythical national title with a 31-30 win over Tennessee. To tie it in with the Super Bowl, WBNS set the site for its championship game in Miami.

"We got a lot of fan reaction from this," said WBNS program director Kevin Graham. "A lot of people were asking why we did this, but really it was just for fun. Everybody wanted to see Ohio State play Tennessee.

"Our biggest challenge was getting play-by-play man Paul Keels from Miami to Champaign Ill., in 45 minutes so he could do both games the same day," Graham joked.

In actuality, WBNS taped the "game" on Jan. 25. The station had Florida-based computer expert Bob Herman play the game using Three-in-One Football.

Regardless of what the computer and WBNS in Columbus might say, the Vols are still national champs for 1998. Here's what the logo for the National Championship Celebration looked like on the Shields-Watkins Field turf.

"He put all the stats and trends into the computer and played the game, right down to the exact times, down-and-distance, penalties, time-outs and injuries," Graham said.

Herman provided WBNS with a full play-by-play printout as well as halftime and final statistics. WBNS announcers Keels, Jim Lachey and Jim Karsatos then combined forces with station production director Bob Taylor to tape the game as it would have happened.

"They did it like a normal game, complete with sound effects," Graham said. "They even had Jim Karsatos filing sideline reports."

The game ended with Tennessee scoring a touchdown with 1:05 left. The Vols then lined up to kick the extra point, but quarterback Tee Martin took the snap and ran a fake to try to get the winning two-point conversion. But Ohio State special teams star Kevin Griffin tackled him at the 3-yard line.

Then, after OSU's Joe Montgomery recovered the ensuing onsides kick, the Buckeyes had claimed the national title.

In the final stats, OSU had 179 yards rushing and 232 passing for 411 total. UT had 264 yards rushing and 125 yards passing for 389 total.

Individually, OSU's Joe Germaine was 22 of 35 passing for 232 yards and two touchdowns. Montgomery carried 10 times for 94 yards and a score, while Michael Wiley had 86 yards and a touchdown on 23 carries. Wiley also caught six passes for 21 yards and a score.

Receivers Doc Miller (eight catches, 113 yards, one TD) and David Boston (five catches, 82 yards) also got in the mix.

For Tennessee, Travis Henry had 183 yards rushing and two TDs on 24 carries. Martin rushed for 52 yards and threw for 125 yards and three touchdowns.

The Buckeyes succeeded in keeping star receiver Peerless Price in check, holding him to three catches for 57 yards and a score.

Graham maintains WBNS had no hand in determining the outcome.

"It could have come down any way," he said. "We just wanted to have some fun with it, and we were kind of lucky it turned out the way it did."

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